GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UTILIZATION OF THE SKILL OF OVERSEAS INDIANS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to utilize the expertise of the overseas Indian Community for national development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The Global-Indian Network of Knowledge (Global-INK),a Diaspora Knowledge Network was launched by the Prime Minister in the last Pravasi Bhartiya Divas convention in Chennai on 8th January,2009. Global INK will connect people of Indian Origin from a variety of disciplines,recognized as leaders in their respective fields, not just in their country of residence but globally as well, with knowledge users at the National and sub-national levels in India.The network would serve as a high level electronic platform to facilitate knowledge transfer from wherever it may be based without the overseas experts having to relocate. The network will serve as a strategic virtual think tank.The outcome targeted will be the germination of ideas on development, identification of the key elements in addressing the challenges to development and articulating and mapping out solutions through innovation and technological/interventions.

(ii) Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of people of Indian Origin

Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of people of Indian origin is a high level committee to draw upon the experience and the knowledge of eminent people of Indian origin in diverse fields from across the world. It has been constituted to serve as a platform to draw upon the experience,knowledge and wisdom of the best Indian minds.